

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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For: 2-PHENYL PYRIMIDINES WHICH ARE
TUBULIN INHIBITORS (AS AMENDED)

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Art Unit: 1624

Examiner: Douglas M. Willis

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --
EXAMINING GROUP 1624**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 20 December 2010, time for response to which was set to expire 20 March 2011. This response is submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final rejection, and thus expedited processing is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the assurance by Examiner Willis in a telephone conversation with the undersigned on 18 January 2011 that upon submission of this response within a day or two, Examiner Willis would take the matter up formally and act on it prior to 17 February 2011, when the undersigned is planning to be available for a personal interview. Examiner Willis kindly agreed to conduct such an interview if the case were not considered in a position for allowance.

Enclosure: Exhibit: Marked up claims as amended 6/29/10 vs. claim 24 as amended 12/6/10.